GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – A.P. Jail Services – Providing medical treatment to Prisoners under Dr.YSR Arogyasri Scheme at Network Hospitals on par with General Public – Sanction Accorded – Orders –Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.683 Dated: 22.07.2022
Read the following:-

1. From the DG of Prisons & CS, Andhra Pradesh, Letter No.RC-3/02/2020, dated 23.03.2020, 16.06.2021 and 07.01.2022.
2. From the CEO, Dr.YSR AHCT, Guntur, Lr.No.Dr.YSRAHCT/1631/P&C(Prisoners coverage)/ 2020, Dt.15.09.2020.
3. Govt. Memo No.1145174/P&F/A1/2020, Home (Prisons & Fire) Department dated 29.04.2021, 24.07.2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals to declare all the prisoners (both remand/convicted), irrespective of offences/sections under which they are remanded/convicted and social/financial status, as persons of BPL and to provide free treatment to all prisoners for all the diseases listed under Dr. YSR Arogyasri Scheme in Network Hospitals on par with Public under BPL, in pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of the Andhra Pradesh Prison Development Board held on 04-12-2019 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for bringing the Prisoners also under Dr.YSR Arogyasri Scheme.

2. The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri has given the details of the issue, and has framed certain guidelines for approval of Government and proposed to constitute a Committee for each District with Chairman and 3 Members to study the case of the Prisoner in depth and decide whether the case is genuine and the prisoner really is suffering from a life threatening disease and he requires treatment in a Network Hospital or not and has requested the Government for issue of necessary orders.

3. The CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT, when consulted by the HM&FW Department and after detailed study of the proposal and guidelines prepared by Prisons Department has suggested the following for coverage of Prisoners under Dr. YSR Aarogyasri Scheme:-

I. In case the prisoner possesses Aadhar card / white ration card :-

a. Many of the prisoners will be having Aadhar Card or white ration card (old). By using the credentials of such Aadhar card or white ration card (old), Aarogyasri digital health card can be generated from Dr. YSR AHCT portal.

b. For this, Dr. YSR AHCT will provide a login to each Jail Superintendent to generate digital health card for their inmates who are already having Aadhar card or ration card which can be laminated by the Jail authorities before handing over to inmates.

c. To facilitate the generation of digital health card by the Jail Superintendents, the details of all the Jail Superintendents be provided to Dr.YSR AHCT for creation of logins.

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ii) In case, the prisoner does not possess any ID card:-

If the patient is not having any ID card such as Aadhar card or ration card /belongs to APL family/belongs to other state / anonymous, in such case, the patient / prisoner requiring treatment in the network hospitals of Dr. YSRAHCT be issued **CMCO referral card through concerned District Coordinator of Trust**

4. The CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT has further stated that the salient points of the guidelines to implement Dr.YSR Aarogyasri scheme to the prisoners across the AP State, as prescribed by the Prisons Department are as follows:

- All male & Female Prisoners (Remanded/Convicted) irrespective of the offences they committed and sections of law under which they are committed to the prisons, have to be declared as persons under BPL.
- The Prisoner will be first referred to the local Government Hospitals and in case, the Hospital cannot provide treatment to a prisoner for a particular serious ailment, then the prisoner for a particular serious ailment will be taken to the Network Hospital for further treatment on the recommendation of a committee to be constituted under the chairmanship of the superintendent, GGH, of the District concerned under Dr. YSR Aarogyasri Scheme on the lines of treatment provided to BPL families.
- The Superintendent of Central Prisons, District Jails, Special Prisons for women may be authorized to issue health card along with remand/sentence records for facilitation of the medical board so constituted to refer these patients to private Hospitals for better treatment.
- As regards the enrolment of Prisoners, data base of Prisons Department shall be the sole basis for determining the eligibility.
- Since the Prisoners are escape-prone and are likely to create law & order problems, the hospitals may be asked to locate a prisoner's ward in one part of the hospital or Police may be asked to provide armed guard to the hospital. Hence, the Police Department may be directed to arrange for security of the Prisoners when sent to Private Hospitals for the treatment.
- The following committee may be constituted for each District to study the genuineness of the case, need and urgency to provide specialised costly treatment to the prisoners at a Super Speciality Hospital at Government cost.

S.No	Committee	
1	Superintendent, Government General Hospital	Chairman
2	Superintendent of the Prison where the Prisoner is confined	Member Convener
3	Medical Officer of the Prison	Member
4	District Medical & Health Officer	Member

5. The CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT has also stated that the details of all the Jail Superintendents shall be obtained by Dr. YSR AHCT from the DG of Prisons & Correctional Services for creation of logins to generate digital health card by the Jail Superintendent and requested to consider the above remarks and issue necessary orders to take further action in order to extend the benefits of Dr. YSR Aarogyasri scheme to the inmates of prisons in the State of Andhra Pradesh as proposed by the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Mangalagiri.

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6. In the circumstances reported by the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh and in light of the remarks of the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. YSR Aarogyasri Health Care Trust, the Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord sanction to provide free treatment (both remand/convicted) to all prisoners to the procedures which are not available either in the prison hospitals or nearby public health facilities and available at nearest network private hospitals under Dr.YSR Arogyasri Scheme on par with General Public under BPL duly following the aforementioned suggestions and guidelines.

7. The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (HMF1) Department vide their Finance U.O.No.FMU0PC (HMF1)/324/FMU.HM&FW/2020 dated 28.02.2022.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

HARISH KUMAR GUPTA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

Copy to:
The Chief Executive Officer, Dr YSR Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust, Andhra Pradesh
The MH&FW Department, AP Secretariat.
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Chief Minister
The OSD to Home Minister.
The Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health, Government of Andhra Pradesh
The Commissioner of AP Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP , Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, AP, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada
The District Collectors in the State.
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